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1. Many tanks, armored scout cars and trucks were being loaded at Grimma on 21 and 22 March. Three motor vehicle columns with a total of 40 armored vehicles and 70 trucks left Grimma on 22 March. [REDACTED]

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The barracks installations in Grimma appeared to be only lightly occupied on 23 March.

2. On 23 March, a shipment carrying an engineer unit was observed passing through Leisnig, enroute from Grimma to Doebein. On the same day, 15 trucks [REDACTED] of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division from the Busche Kaserne (1542) in Leisnig left toward Fischendorf. On 27 March, trucks towing AT and AA guns returned to the Busche Kaserne, coming from the direction of Fischendorf. The tanks and SP guns had not yet returned by 31 March.

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3. An engineer unit with 30 trucks [REDACTED] of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division and an AA unit with 20 trucks, [REDACTED] of the 6th Guards AAA Division, arrived at Zeithain, coming by road from the direction of Grossenhain, on 25 and 27 March respectively.

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4. About 60 trucks, 36 AA guns, including 12 x 85 mm AA guns [REDACTED] of the 4th Guards AAA Division, and 24 trucks towing 85 mm AT guns [REDACTED] of the 1st Guards Mechanized Army were observed enroute from Riesa toward Grossenhain on 27 March. On the same day, a motor vehicle column [REDACTED] of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division moved from the direction of Riesa toward Zeithain.

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25X1B 5. About 45 tanks and SP guns [] of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division were observed being loaded at Roederau on 27 March.

25X1A [] Comment: These movements were made in connection with an exercise of the 8th Guards Mechanized Division, reinforced by army troops of the 1st Guards Mechanized Army from Koenigsbrueck, held in the Zeithain area between 24 and 31 March.

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